

AMENDMENTS**In the Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A vacuum cleaning head comprising a housing, an agitator for agitating a floor surface, a chamber disposed in the housing for rotatably receiving the agitator, an opening formed in a portion of the chamber adjacent the agitator facing a floor surface, an air turbine driving the agitator, an air inlet in the housing admitting clean air to drive the turbine, and a restricting device arranged fitting in a discharge outlet from the chamber, the restricting device comprising a guide vane projecting outwardly from a wall of the discharge outlet, the guide vane being configured ~~so as to be movable between a restrictive position, in which the restricting device serves to restrict the to restrict~~ a cross-section of the discharge outlet, ~~and an open position, in which the restricting device restricts in a restrictive position, the guide vane being resiliently movable to an open position in response to a flow of debris past the restricting device to restrict the cross-section of the discharge outlet to a lesser extent, the restricting device being movable by the flow of debris from the chamber~~ the restricting device being further configured to return to the restrictive position after the passage of said debris.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein the guide vane is resiliently biased into the restrictive position.
4. (Previously Presented) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 3, wherein the guide vane is connected to the wall of the discharge outlet by a resilient member.
5. (Original) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 4, wherein the resilient member is a spring.
6. (Previously Presented) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 4, wherein the guide vane is mounted on a piece of resilient material which is secured to a wall of the discharge outlet.

7. (Original) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 6, wherein the piece of resilient material is generally wedge-shaped.

8. (Currently Amended) A vacuum cleaning head according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 7~~ claim 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7, further comprising a shielding member for shielding the space beneath the guide vane.

9. (Original) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 8, wherein the shielding member is a piece of compressible material which fits beneath the guide vane.

10. (Previously Presented) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 9, wherein the compressible material is a foam.

11. (Currently Amended) A vacuum cleaning head according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 7~~ claim 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7, wherein the downstream end of the guide vane is connected to the wall of the discharge outlet by a flexible member.

12. (Original) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 11, wherein the guide vane and flexible member are formed integrally with one another from a resiliently flexible material.

13. (Currently Amended) A vacuum cleaning head according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 7~~ claim 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7, further comprising a plurality of restricting devices arranged across the discharge outlet.

14. (Currently Amended) A vacuum cleaner comprising a vacuum cleaning head according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 7~~ claim 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 4, wherein the guide vane is formed from an exposed surface of a piece of resilient material which is secured to a wall of the discharge outlet.

17. (Previously Presented) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 16, wherein the piece of resilient material is generally wedge-shaped.